

Table 30. BLM Trail Maintenance Levels

Maintenance Level	Assignment Criteria	Minimum Maintenance Standard
Level 1	These trails are closed to motorized and non-motorized use. This level is the minimum maintenance required to protect adjacent lands and resource values. The objectives may be to remove these trails from the trail system.	Emphasis is given to maintaining drainage and runoff patterns as needed to protect adjacent lands. Brushing and removal of hazards is not performed unless trail drainage is being adversely affected, causing erosion. Closure devices are maintained.
Level 2	Low use trail with little or no contact between parties. Little or no visitor use management. Visitors may encounter obstructions like brush and deadfall.	Trail would require condition surveys once every year. Repairs will be done at the beginning of the season to prevent environmental damage and maintain access. Emphasis is given to maintaining drainage and mitigating hazards. The trail may be signed "Not Regularly Maintained". Major repair may not be done for several seasons.
Level 3	Moderate use trail with visitor use on a seasonal/and or peak use period with frequent contact between parties. Trail management is conducted with occasional visitor use patrols. Visitors are not likely to encounter obstructions.	The trail shall require a minimum of one condition survey 1 to 2 times per season. Major repairs shall be completed annually. Maintenance shall be scheduled two to three times per season, if required, to repair the trail for environmental damage and to maintain access. Trail is kept in good condition.
Level 4	High use trail used during specific times of the year with high frequencies of contact between parties. Regularly scheduled visitor use patrol and management.	Scheduled maintenance shall occur frequently during the use season (three or four times per season). Trail condition and accessibility for persons with disabilities is a major concern. Significant repairs shall be completed as within 10 workdays.
Level 5	A special high use trail with routine visitor use patrols and management.	Has a scheduled maintenance program. Trail condition and accessibility for persons with disabilities is a major concern. Significant repairs shall be completed within 2-3 workdays.